

**From:** [Tricia Pfeiffer](#)  
**To:** [Kyle Olson](#); [Adam Eisele](#); [Joshua Rickard](#)  
**Subject:** Fw: air quality --- Jacki Schilke 10/10/2011 Complaint  
**Date:** 10/11/2011 10:25 AM

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Josh and Adam,

Please keep Kyle in the loop. He will be assisting with this and future air issues related to citizen complaints.

Thanks,  
Tricia

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From: Joshua Rickard/R8/USEPA/US  
To: Tricia Pfeiffer/R8/USEPA/US@EPA, Adam Eisele/R8/USEPA/US@EPA  
Date: 10/11/2011 08:30 AM  
Subject: Fw: air quality --- Jacki Schilke 10/10/2011 Complaint

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Here is a new chain of events from Jacki. Trying to keep things organized. Any thoughts?

Joshua Rickard  
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To report an environmental violation, visit EPA's website at  
<http://www.epa.gov/compliance/complaints/index.html>

----- Forwarded by Joshua Rickard/R8/USEPA/US on 10/11/2011 08:28 AM -----

From: "Semerad, Jim L." <jsemerad@nd.gov>  
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**Jacki Schilke:** See information below that I am reporting to Josh Richard of EPA.

**Daphne Clark:** Thank you for your rapid response to this issue.

**Josh Richard:** Per our October 10, 2011 phone discussion, I am forwarding the latest information for your review. After receiving Jacki Schilke's October 10, 2011 complaint (see below) , I requested that a representative from the Upper Missouri District Health Unit (based in Williston) conduct an inspection as soon as possible due to details in the complaint relating to immediate health issues. Daphne Clark's findings are included in an email below. Based on her findings, it appears that opacity and odors were within State and EPA requirements (it is understood that no "measurements" were taken.) My office plans to continue to conduct site inspections when in the area and to review ambient monitor readings obtained from our network in Western ND.

If EPA believes that any additional efforts could prove beneficial, please let me know.

**Jim Semerad**

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**From:** Daphne Clark [mailto:dclark@umdhhu.org]

**Sent:** Tuesday, October 11, 2011 8:00 AM

**To:** Semerad, Jim L.

**Subject:** RE: air quality

Jim,

I was out there at about 3:30pm yesterday. The wind was out of the SE. I did not

smell any burning tire odors or any other petroleum/carbon product odors. There was a well that would be directly E of this property that was occasionally putting off some black smoke but it was intermittent and of short duration and quickly dissipated. The direction of the wind would not have taken it in the direction of the house. The only thing directly to the SE was a herd of cows.

Thank you,

Daphne Clark

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**From:** Jacki [mailto:jboid@dia.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 10, 2011 8:28 PM  
**To:** Semerad, Jim L.  
**Subject:** Re: air quality

Weather you would consider this normal, if it is to the point that is causing trouble breathing would you not think something be done? You have seen the air reports for this area, do you think this is any thing close to healthy? This terrible black smoke and odor come from every Oasis well site in this area. There is smoke in the entire area out here every day. I have several times called the sheriff dept about this also.

----- Original Message -----

**From:** [Semerad, Jim L.](#)

**To:** [jacki](#)

**Sent:** Monday, October 10, 2011 3:46 PM

**Subject:** RE: air quality

Jacki:

Odors of burning tires is not normally part of the oil production process unless something is literally burning. Do you see any smoke in the area? Can you tell where it may be coming from??

You note that you have reported this to Oasis – do you believe that one of their wells is causing the problem – if so, information on which one would be helpful.

Thank you for any additional information that you can provide.

Jim Semerad

**From:** jacki [mailto:jboid@dia.net]  
**Sent:** Monday, October 10, 2011 11:11 AM  
**To:** Semerad, Jim L.  
**Subject:** air quality

The air here today is so bad, the smell of burning tires is so over powering you cannot go out side, it instantly burns your throat and eyes, and you are sick to your stomach. I have reported this to Oasis with no response,. It has become quite apparent your intention is to just kill me, my family and livestock so you do not have to deal with this problem. You are more than aware of the air quality issues here and nothing has been done to protect our health.

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